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AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 23, 2006, Applicants submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination and a check in the amount of \$790.00 as payment of the fee. Applicants also hereby petition for a one-month extension-of-time,

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extending the period for response to July 24, 2006 (July 23, 2006 being a Sunday). Applicants enclose herewith a check in the amount of \$120.00 as payment of the extension-of-time fee.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.